

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A rearing simulation apparatus, comprising:

state parameter processing means A for increasing and decreasing a state parameter based on variables fluctuating chronometrically in connection with the state parameter representative of a state of a virtual living thing and variables fluctuating in operation properties in connection with said state parameter responsive to an operation by a player in response to an operation request from the virtual living thing, state parameter processing means A further carrying out “care” and “character” parameter processing which increases and decreases a “care” parameter representative of a degree of “care” with respect to the virtual living thing according to completeness of an operation by a player in response to an operation request from the virtual living thing and increases and decreases “character” parameter influencing requirements for an operation request from the virtual living thing based on said “care” parameter and a “basic value of a category” set peculiar to the category of the virtual living thing at every rearing stage,

operation request processing means B for carrying out the operation request from the virtual living thing in predetermined items when said state parameters meet predetermined requirements for the operation request which are influenced by the “character” parameter,

operation request display means C for displaying the operation request from the virtual living thing in the predetermined items for a player,

rearing stage processing means D for metamorphosing the virtual living thing to a next rearing stage based on metamorphosis requirements depending on the state parameters, when a category promoting age representative of a period of life set peculiarly to the category of the virtual living thing at every rearing stage has elapsed, said metamorphosis requirements being connected with the category at the present rearing stage, and

rearing state display means E for displaying said state parameter or said category which is designated by a request operation for displaying the rearing state in response to the request operation for displaying the rearing state.

2. A rearing simulation apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said state parameter processing means A comprises state parameter processing means further including “care” and “character” parameter processing which increases and decreases a “care” parameter representative of a degree of “care” with respect to the virtual living thing according to the completeness of an operation responsive to a request by a player, and increasing and decreasing a “character” parameter influencing the requirements for the operation request of the virtual living thing based on said “care” parameter and a “basic value of a category” peculiar to the category of the virtual living thing at every rearing stage, and operation request processing means B comprises operation request processing means which carries out an operation request in the predetermined items when said state parameter meet the predetermined requirements for the operation request influenced by the “character” parameter.